

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COLUMBIA DIVISION

THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THOMAS C. ALEXANDER, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:21-cv-03302-JMC

**SENATE DEFENDANTS' CONSENT
MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION TO
FILE A REPLY TO PLAINTIFFS'
RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO
MOTION TO DISMISS**

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 6.01 (D.S.C.), Thomas C. Alexander, in his official capacity as President of the Senate, and Luke A. Rankin, in his official capacity as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, (collectively, the “Senate Defendants”), move for a 5-day extension to file a reply to Plaintiffs’ response in opposition (ECF No. 200) to the Senate Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 178). Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7.02 (D.S.C.), the undersigned consulted with Plaintiffs’ counsel, who graciously consented to this motion.

On February 24, 2022, the Senate Defendants moved to dismiss Plaintiffs’ Second Amended Complaint. *See* ECF No. 178. The Senate Defendants’ motion relates only to Plaintiffs’ challenges to the U.S. Congressional maps. Thereafter, Plaintiffs requested—with the consent of Senate Defendants—and were granted a 14-day extension to file a response to the motion. *See* ECF No. 185. Plaintiffs then filed their response on March 24, 2022. *See* ECF No. 200. Because the Senate Defendants are preparing for depositions related to Plaintiffs’ challenge to the House plan, as well as drafting responses to and compiling documents to produce in connection with Plaintiffs’ discovery on the Congressional plan, they require additional time to formulate an appropriate and concise reply for the Court.

The current deadline to file a reply is March 31, 2022. A five-day extension would make the new deadline April 5, 2022. The Senate Defendants have not previously requested an extension of this deadline. Further, the requested extension will not affect any other deadlines, and it should not impede the work of the Court or any other parties. Accordingly, for good cause shown, the Senate Defendants respectfully request that the Court grant this consent motion.

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